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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7115

BILL NUMBER: HB 1292

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 9, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Pharmacy Record Audits.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill specifies requirements for the conduct of a pharmacy audit on behalf of a third-party payer and the appeal of the results of a pharmacy audit. The bill specifies exceptions for the Medicaid program.

The bill also requires the Health Finance Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the need for an independent third-party appeals process for pharmacy audit findings.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The provision concerning the Health Finance Commission study assignment would have a minimal impact in FY 2010 only if the committee held a meeting or meetings that it would not have held were it not for the need to study the topic assigned under the bill. If the committee met an additional time or times to consider the topic, per diem and travel expenses for the committee would increase. However, total expenses for the committee could not exceed its budget, which is established by the Legislative Council. The budget for the 2008 interim was \$16,500.

The Health Finance Commission is funded from state General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Council and Legislative Services Agency.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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